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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady to firm in the West, steady elsewhere. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for current trade needs. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate entering the weekend. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement improved slightly under normal weekend demand but still noted as light to mostly moderate overall. Prices of tenders, breast cuts and boneless dark meat items are steady to higher with bone-in dark meat steady to weak. Wings are steady to at least steady. Offerings of b/s breast are in close balance to tight; tenders are light, dark meat cuts are at least sufficient and wings are light to moderate for current needs. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	107.90	5,436	107.86	5,256
WOGS:	108.64	1,292	108.34	1,389
New York				
Whole Body:	105.03	1,374	105.51	1,417
Central				
Whole Body:	103.83	3,365	102.17	4,540
WOGS:	103.21	2,785	101.49	3,605
Chicago				
Whole Body:	105.01	1,965	102.17	2,730
Western				
Whole Body:	110.44	1,995	108.28	1,952
WOGS:	110.11	1,820	107.50	1,740
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	110.07	1,425	107.46	1,382

Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final	113.87	
Next Week Trading Quote.....	115.50	
Friday Prelim.....	114.65	
Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:		
Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	214.50	1,678
Breasts - B/S	205.00	7,163
Breasts - Whole	130.00	830
Thigh Meat - B/S	145.00	2,145
Thighs	75.00	1,070
Drumsticks	57.50	1,673
Leg Quarters	49.00	7,207
Wings	169.00	3,586
Data Source: Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service		

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 18-Apr-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	157,473	1,415	1,620	3,035	461
Avg Wt	6.10	3.23	7.86	5.70	6.19
Last week	155,184	1,449	1,586	3,035	456
Same wk yr ago	146,685	1,378	1,495	2,873	350
Avg Wt	5.87	3.15	8.03	5.69	6.93
To-date/2015*	2,336,396	22,589	23,958	46,547	6,893
To-date/2014*	2,282,212	22,661	21,998	44,659	6,569
% Change YTD	2%	0%	9%	4%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	730,045	2,537	8,722	11,259	2,026
Last week	719,433	2,590	8,963	11,553	2,215
Same wk yr ago	654,391	2,387	8,223	10,610	1,722
To-date/2015*	10,784,025	40,609	132,197	172,806	32,700
To-date/2014*	10,112,921	39,198	122,951	162,149	31,197
% Change YTD	7%	4%	8%	7%	5%

Dressing % 76.0% 55.5% 68.5% 71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.4 million head, or 1.5 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection Week Ending 25-Apr-2015

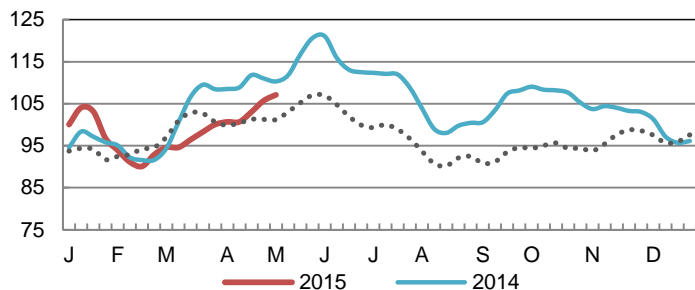
Class	Current Week 4/25/2015 (1)	Previous Week 4/18/2015
Broiler/fryer	160,286 (2)	161,897
Light hens	1,636	1,534
Heavy hens	1,773	1,743
Total	163,695	165,174

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Apr-15 is 158.3 million head compared to 154.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 2.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-May-15 the estimated available is 159.5 million head.

National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	107.10	↑ 1.37	10,796
Last Week:	105.73		11,748
Last Year:	110.99	↓ 3.89	11,190
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Mar	98.88		48,470



Southern States Broiler Parts

f.o.b. dock or equivalent, iced-packed, prices shown are day of shipment (includes current and prior negotiations), trucklot and less than trucklot volume, cents per pound.

Item	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,847	146.81
Tenderloins	719	180.69
Breast - Line Run	563	98.87
Front Halves	417	85.83
Legs	1,033	31.36
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,195	26.53
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,034	33.61
Wings (Whole)	655	156.82
Wings (Cut)	730	169.53
Drumsticks	908	25.49
Thighs	509	50.67
B/S Thighs	682	105.34

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
51.00 - 62.00	55.74	56.19

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

Northeast Broiler Parts

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound

Item	Weekly	
	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	153.85	4,135,670
Tenderloins	195.35	929,120
Breast - With Ribs	119.31	248,180
Breast - Line Run	105.88	437,941
Legs	53.27	254,120
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	33.40	2,472,598
Drumsticks	40.57	633,140
Thighs	71.89	176,360
B/S Thighs	107.94	559,400
Wings (Whole)	172.11	1,216,360
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	26,100
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	56.77	46,920
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.48	93,280

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-packed pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound
Delivered to: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI

Week of 20-Apr-15 to 24-Apr-2015

	Price per lb.		Mostly
Breast - B/S	135.00 -	167.00	144.00 - 152.00
Tenderloins	195.00 -	210.00	195.00 - 200.00
Breast - Line Run	85.00 -	119.00	95.00 - 103.00
Legs	37.00 -	50.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.00 -	45.00	34.00 - 36.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	35.00 -	44.00	36.00 - 38.00
Drumsticks	29.00 -	51.00	-
Thighs	53.00 -	71.00	-
B/S Thighs	93.00 -	110.00	-
Wings (Whole)	175.00 -	195.00	182.00 - 189.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 -	45.00	-
Livers	32.00 -	50.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 -	70.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 17, 2015

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	104.30	189.63	118.52	38.52	20.74	118.52
High	106.67	198.52	130.37	47.41	23.70	118.52
Mostly	105.19	192.60	124.45	41.48	20.74	118.52
San Juan						
Low	103.71	189.63	118.52	35.56	20.74	118.52
High	105.19	198.52	130.37	44.45	23.70	118.52
Mostly	105.19	192.60	124.45	38.52	20.74	118.52
New San Juan						
Low	105.19	189.63	118.52	41.48	23.70	118.52
High	107.56	201.48	133.34	50.37	26.67	118.52
Mostly	105.19	195.56	127.41	44.45	23.70	118.52
Becerra						
Low	106.08	192.60	121.48	44.45	23.70	118.52
High	108.15	204.45	133.34	53.33	26.67	118.52
Mostly	106.67	198.52	127.41	47.41	23.70	118.52

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(f.o.b. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2- weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to firm for all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is moderate to good with best interest centered on frozen. Schedules are mostly normal. The spot marketplace remains strong on frozen MSC ; fresh MSC was slightly better this week. Good interest was noted on frames for both domestic and export. Further processors are reporting decent movement of finished goods. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace. Market activity is moderate to active. Raw material supplies are mostly light to instances moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels between 12-15 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices
(cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	24-Apr-15	Last Week	Last Year	24-Apr-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	28.00	28.00	28.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	28.00	28.00	28.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	143	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	29.00 - 33.00	29.00 - 33.00	29.00-34.00	23.00 - 28.00	23.00 - 28.00	24.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.89	30.85	30.63	25.74	25.52	25.62
Volume Traded	1,305	1,365	1,706	3,029	2,489	2,652
Volume Exported	1,225	1,205	825	490	490	367
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	26.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	26.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 18-Apr-15

(Preliminary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	40,292	53,639	30,342	33,200	157,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.41	7.15	9.24	6.10
% of total /1	26%	34%	19%	21%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	37,601	50,883	31,033	35,667	155,184
Avg Live Wgt	3.62	5.36	7.03	8.94	6.10
% of total /1	24%	33%	20%	23%	100%
Year Ago 2/	42,655	49,088	24,885	30,057	146,685
Avg Live Wgt	3.84	5.46	6.75	8.69	5.87
% of total /1	29%	33%	17%	20%	100%
To date/2015*	588,862	795,869	429,096	522,569	2,336,396
To date/2014*	608,285	815,675	414,567	443,685	2,282,212
% Change YTD	-3%	-2%	4%	18%	2%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Est. U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
3/14	158.3	159.4	99%	6.02
3/21	161.2	159.3	101%	6.01
3/28	159.3	158.2	101%	6.08
4/4	154.9	159.0	97%	6.06
4/11	157.1	158.0	99%	6.10
4/18	159.4	157.9	101%	6.10
Year to date	2364.7	2369.9	100%	
4/25		158.7		
5/2		160.2		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live weight	RTC WOG's weight	Head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	9,671	6.14%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	13,385	8.50%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	10,590	6.72%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	6,647	4.22%
Totals:		40,293	25.59%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	04/24	04/23	04/22	04/21	04/17
AR	3,587	3,743	3,635	3,716	5.85
Delmarva	4,039	4,692	4,597	4,685	5.89
KY-LA-TN	1,936	2,234	2,207	2,216	6.18
MS	2,408	2,479	2,345	2,456	5.34
NC	2,613	2,800	2,753	2,817	6.34
TX	3,496	2,904	2,890	2,921	7.85
Total	2,493	2,419	2,307	2,408	6.27
Mon-Fri	20,572	21,271	20,734	21,219	6.23
Saturday	105,586	(A)			6.25
	914	(included in total for date shown)			21,002
					104,735 (A)
					953

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Apr-15 and 25-Apr-15 is estimated to be 31,309,000 head down 2.34 percent from a week ago and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,059,000, last year 30,578,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 25-Apr-15 is estimated to be 159,685,000 head up 1.40 percent from a week ago, and up 4.90 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,473,000, last year 152,222,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry For delivery the week of April 20, 2015

Ducklings: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A, 4-5 lbs., delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	226-230	231-237
Midwest	197-212	202-218

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12/Box)	77.00-94.25	82.00-88.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	80.00-95.00	84.00-90.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen,

1-10 boxes		
11 oz	99.63- 117.60	13 oz. 108.54- 135.42
		15 oz. 117.45- 142.65

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings This All prices are steady. Demand and supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is reported as seasonally moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-9.00, bone-in legs at \$3.70-5.10, gizzards at \$2.25- 2.30, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-1.82, and feet \$1.00-1.50 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb.

Week of April 20, 2015

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	189-221	194-227

National Fowl Market

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 04/17/15	11.0-23.0	14.52
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)		
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.		

Live Spent Light Fowl

Majority price (cents/head) for removal: 0-7

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

Ready-to-Cook Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers (cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens Ice Packed (12 per Box)	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9 per Box)	85.0 - 90.0
Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI	

Live Fowl Auctions - 04-21-15

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	Low	High	Avg
Heavy Fowl per pound:	-	-	-
each:	4.00	10.00	4.75

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA

	Price Range	
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	.80 - 1.20	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.50 - 1.80	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.95 - 2.10	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000) Actual Slaughter	Live Weight
4/17	2,171	6.23
4/16	2,243	6.32
4/15	2,178	6.36
4/14	2,251	6.50
4/13	2,226	6.42
Weekly	11,069	6.37

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	04/25/15	04/18/15	% chg	04/26/14	% chg
Cattle	544	533	+02	590 ¹	-08
Hogs	2,184	2,243	-03	1,991 ¹	+10

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 4/18/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Apr 11, 2015	Apr 18, 2015	Apr 11, 2015	Apr 18, 2015
	(1,000 eggs)		(1,000 chicks)	
AL.....	29,024	29,535	21,919	21,325
AR.....	21,924	21,696	17,952	20,838
DE.....	4,922	4,736	4,293	5,226
FL.....	1,222	1,223	1,455	1,328
GA.....	33,855	34,231	26,387	27,021
KY.....	7,720	7,884	6,359	5,740
LA.....	3,833	3,833	3,362	3,372
MD.....	7,896	7,989	6,115	6,575
MS.....	17,823	17,567	15,097	15,512
MO.....	8,415	8,266	6,296	5,742
NC.....	21,588	20,733	16,907	17,242
OK.....	6,610	6,672	4,915	3,632
PA.....	4,603	4,647	3,952	3,850
SC.....	5,516	5,851	4,849	4,653
TX.....	15,859	15,538	11,909	12,536
VA.....	6,534	6,553	5,557	5,019
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,551	12,333	10,624	11,418
19 State Total.....	209,895	209,287	167,948	171,029
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	103	104
Other States	8,398	8,267	6,553	6,310
United States	218,293	217,554	174,501	177,339

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 218 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2015	% PY
Eggs Set	217,554	+02

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 171 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 18, 2015, up 4 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 18, 2015 for the United States were 2.63 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	177,339	+03

Source: USDA, NASS

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

Week Ending Apr 11, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,415	1,620	15,835
Last Week	1,449	1,586	3,035
Same week yr ago	1,378	1,495	2,873
To-date/2015*	22,589	23,958	59,347
To-date/2014*	22,661	21,998	44,659

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----	-----	
Head	568	0	568
Last Week	482	0	482
Same week yr ago	475	0	475
To-date/2015*	6,220	10	6,230
To-date/2014*	5,245	0	5,245

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----	-----	
Head	1,983	1,620	16,403
Last Week	1,931	1,586	3,517
Same week yr ago	1,853	1,495	3,348
To-date/2015*	28,809	23,968	65,577
To-date/2014*	27,906	21,998	49,904

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings			Cold Storage Holdings		
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Pacific without Denver		
			04/20/15	04/13/15	04/21/14
AM	04/20/15	45,856	Pacific Coast:		
AM	04/01/15	44,689	5402 5186 7315		
CHG		1167	Los Angeles:		
PCT CHG		3%	1009 955 2163		

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	845.00 900.50	847.91
168 3 Round, top inside round	275.00 303.56	289.93
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	750.31 800.00	773.41
Ground Beef 81%	232.60 268.46	251.74

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	107.86
Bnls CC Strap-on	136.47
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	110.22
Sparerib -Trmd Sparerib - MED	170.23

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 30-May-15 is estimated at 156.0 million head. This compares to 154.8 million head the previous week and to 154.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 148.5 million head and the national weighted average price was 111.82 cents per pound.